GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:692
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
REVIEW OF CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT, 1971
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of contempt of courts pending in various courts at present, court-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to review the Contempt of Court Act, 1971;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to make the provisions of this Act more stringent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 692 FOR 15.5.2000.

(a): Available information is given in the enclosed statement (Annexure).

(b)to(d): No, Sir. Various provisions of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 were reviewed recently in pursuance of the suggestion of the P.C.Jain Commission set up to review Administrative Laws and it was decided not to amend the said Act of 1971 for the present.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART(a) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 692 FOR 15.5.2000

Pendency of Contempt of Court cases

	Admission Matters (actual number of files)	Regular Matters	Total
Supreme Court of India	As on 1.5.2000	188	157	345

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	As on	Civil	Criminal	Total
1	Allahabad	12/99	0	28827	28827
2	Andhra Pradesh	12/99	1680	0	1680
3	Bombay	12/99	219	76	295
4	Calcutta	12/99	2581	0	2581
5	Delhi	12/99	2209	186	2395
6	Gauhati	12/98	1778	22	1800
7	Gujarat	12/98	0	3	3
8	Himachal Pradesh	12/99	33	1	34
9	J & K	12/99	3569	52	3621
10	Karnataka	12/99	1411	0	1411

11	Kerala	12/99	210	0	210
12	Madhya Pradesh	12/99	689	36	725
13	Madras	12/99	865	0	865
14	Orissa	12/99	2132	0	2132
15	Patna	9/99	5426	60	5486
16	Punjab & Haryana	12/99	2478	50	2528
17	Rajasthan	9/99	1113	25	1138
18	Sikkim	12/99	0	6	6

Grand Total	26393	29344	55737